

Work Group Meeting Abstracts – January/February 2004

Environmental Work Group – January 28, 2004

- Received narrative reports for EWG-5, 26, 57B, 68B, 70, 75 and 88.
- Reviewed and approved proposed changes to Study Plans T1 and T6, which consolidates results of wildlife studies into T6 report.
- Received update on Modeling Workshop.
- Discussed resource actions under consideration by Hatchery Task Force.
- Received update on Flow/Temperature Task Force actions including the development of attribute and key stressor tables and interaction with modeling team.
- Received reports on SP-T2, Project Effects on Special Status Wildlife Species; SP-T6, Interagency Wildlife Management Coordination and Wildlife Management Plan Development; SP-F3.1, Task 1A, Assessment of Potential Fish Passage Impediments Above Lake Oroville's High Water Mark; SP-F3.1, Task 4B, Characterization of Cold Water Pool Availability in the Thermalito Afterbay; SP-F3.1, Task 5B, Characterization of Fish Habitat in One-Mile Pond; SP-F10, Task 2D, Evaluation of Flow Fluctuation Effects on Chinook Salmon Redd Dewatering in the Lower Feather River; SP-W2, Phase 1, Contaminant Accumulation in Fish, Sediments, and the Aquatic Food Chain; and SP-F15, Task 4, Fish Passage Model.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

Environmental Work Group – February 25, 2004

- Received narrative reports for EWG-27, 42, 45, 47 and 99.
- Discussed two specific proposed resource actions, FRH-1 and FRH-18, developed by the Hatchery Task Force.
- Received update on Flow/Temperature Task Force actions, including further development of attribute and key stressor tables.
- Received update on Fish Passage Task Force meeting, including discussion of model assumptions and use.
- Initiated a sub-group to discuss results from PHABSIM and F-16 report.
- Received reports on SP-F16, Phase 2, Evaluation of Project Effects on Instream Flows and Fish Habitat and SP-F10, Task 3B, Growth Investigations of Wild and Hatchery Steelhead in the Lower Feather River.
- The next Environmental Work Group meeting: Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – January 29, 2004

- Reviewed anticipated release dates for remaining study reports.
- Received de-brief on presentation made to Plenary Group.
- Received reports on SP-R2, Recreation Safety Assessment; SP-R11, Recreation and Public Use Impact Assessment; SP-R16, Whitewater and River Boating Report;

and the Phase 2 Background Reports Recreation and Tourism Economy in Oroville and Property Values Analysis for SP-R18 and SP-R19.

- Discussed cross-resource actions and identified specific potential effects to be addressed with other work groups. Agreed to include 'A', 'B', and 'Settlement List' resource actions with completed Resource Action Identification Forms in the discussion with others.
- Discussed resource actions transferred from other work groups.
- Set Cross Resource Work Group meeting with Environmental Work Group for: Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Kelly Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room.
- Next Work Group meeting: February 24, 2004, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Kelly Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room.

Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group – February 24, 2004

- Discussed reports and provided comments on SP-R2, Recreation Safety Assessment; SP-R11, Recreation and Public Use Impact Assessment; SP-R16, Whitewater and River Boating Report; and the Phase 2 Background Reports Recreation and Tourism Economy in Oroville and Property Values Analysis for SP-R18 and SP-R19.
- Received reports on SP-R9, Existing Recreation Use; SP-R14, Assess Regional Recreation and Barriers to Recreation; and SP-R15, Recreation Suitability Analysis.
- Discussed contents of Needs Analysis.
- Next Work Group meeting: March 25, 2004, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Kelly Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room.

Engineering and Operations Work Group – January 30, 2004

- Discussed results of Flow/Temperature Task Force convened with Environmental Work Group participants to discuss specific modeling input.
- Reviewed Resource Action Matrix.
- Discussed role of oversight in long-term licenses and identified action as settlement issue to be developed once actions and monitoring needs are identified.
- Received preview of upcoming Modeling Workshop.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: February 27, 2004, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Oroville Field Division.

Engineering and Operations Work Group – February 27, 2004

- Received report on SP-E3, Evaluation of Potential Generation Improvements
- Received report on Feather River Floodplain and Water Surface Profiles developed during recent floodplain mapping study.
- Received Emergency Action Plan inundation maps depicting Oroville Dam failure.
- Received modeling scenario update, included CD with modeling results from benchmark studies from 1964-1968 and modeling tool.

- Reviewed revised Resource Action Matrix.
- Received report on Fish Hatchery and Thermalito Afterbay average daily temperature analyses.
- Discussed proposed resource action to construct canal around Thermalito Afterbay to affect temperature of irrigation water deliveries.
- Next Engineering and Operations Work Group meeting: March 26, 2004, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., via conference call.

Cultural Resources Work Group – February 17, 2004

- Received update on the Plenary Group presentation of Cultural Resources Work Group recommendations.
- Received update on study plan implementation.
- Received update on Maidu Advisory Council.
- Discussed potential Bureau of Land Management land transfer involving Stringtown Mountain.
- Received report, Konkow Maidu Tribal Presence in the Lake Oroville Area: An Ethnographic and Ethnohistoric Inventory.
- Received update on historic site evaluations.
- Next Cultural Resources Work Group meeting: April 20, 2003, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Mooretown Rancheria.

Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – January 26, 2004

- Received updates on all land use studies underway.
- Discussed dump areas referenced in LWG-3.
- Discussed potential BLM land transfer.
- Discussed draft interim report for SP-L1, Land Use.
- Received update on the Plenary Group presentation of Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group recommendations.
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, February 23, 2004, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., via conference call.

Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group – February 23, 2003

- Received updates on all land use studies underway.
- Reviewed comments on draft interim report on SP-L1, Land Use; final report anticipated in March 2004.
- Discussed draft interim reports on SP-L2, Land Management and SP-L3, Comprehensive Plan Consistency.
- Draft report on SP-L4, Aesthetics anticipated in April 2004; final report on SP-L5, Fuel Load Management is anticipated in April 2004.
- The next Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting: Monday, March 22, 2004, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Oroville.